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**TESTIMONY OF HAWAII LECET
CLYDE T. HAYASHI - DIRECTOR**

**CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL**

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TESTIMONY ON BILL 45, CD1, RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION SURCHARGE.

CHAIR RON MENOR, VICE CHAIR IKAIKA ANDERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi and I am the Director of the Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368, and its unionized contractors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of Bill 45 CD1, which seeks to amend the ordinances pertaining to the county surcharge on general excise and use taxes. Hawaii LECET supports completion of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, the largest public works project in the history of the State of Hawaii. Bill 45 CD1 will amend the existing ordinances to allow money received from the General Excise Tax Surcharge to be expended for capital costs to complete this mass transit project.

The Honolulu Rail Transit Project will provide a much needed, fast and efficient traffic alternative for residents living on the West side of Oahu. In addition, Transit Oriented Development along the 20 mile rail line is projected to generate affordable housing development opportunities and thousands of jobs within a multitude of industries. This planned transit oriented development along the rail line works to ensure that future growth is concentrated in the urban areas of Oahu and safeguards that conservation and agricultural lands will most likely not be considered for future development. For these reasons, Hawaii LECET supports the passage of Bill 45 CD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of Bill 45 CD1.